

Aircraft Type and Registration: Taylorcraft BC12-65, G-BOLB

No & Type of Engines: 1 Rolls-Royce A65-8 piston engine

Year of Manufacture: 1941

Date & Time (UTC): 13 May 1995 at 1100 hrs

Location: East Batch Farm, Gloucestershire

Type of Flight: Private

Persons on Board: Crew - 1 Passengers - 1

Injuries: Crew - None Passengers - None

Nature of Damage: Propeller tips, spinner, tail fin, rudder and lift strut damaged

Commander's Licence: Private Pilot's Licence with IMC Rating

Commander's Age: 43 years

Commander's Flying Experience: 277 hours (of which 87 were on type)
Last 90 days - 6 hours
Last 28 days - 4 hours

Information Source: Aircraft Accident Report Form submitted by the pilot

The flight was planned to take off downhill and as nearly into the 310° to 350°/5 to 15 kt wind as possible. To this end the aircraft was taxiing downwind and uphill, parallel to the strip. The pilot was correcting a swing to the left, using right brake and a burst of engine power, when a gust of wind caused the tail to lift slightly. To correct this, he applied up elevator and both wheelbrakes. The aircraft tipped up onto its nose and the propeller stuck in the ground.

Both occupants left the aircraft and the pilot saw that fuel (MOGAS) was pouring out of the air vent in the tank filler cap onto the hot engine. There was, however, no fire and having tried but failed to right the aircraft, the pilot then went to find help. About five minutes later, another gust of wind flipped the aircraft over onto its back.